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Greetings,

In accordance with "The Tunney Act", I would like to comment that I think the current Proposed Final Judgement misses the mark in several key areas:

1) Microsoft is not being punished for it's past violations. There is only one way to punish a monopoly: Money. There must be a fine, and it must be huge. This fine should also have no directed purpose other than be contributed to the general revenue fund. There must also be progressive fines for future violations.

2) Applications barriers for competing software companies must be stricken down with strong language that is not limited to certain Microsoft operating systems, and in the PFJ.

3) And finally, if Microsoft has become a monopoly through being a de facto standard, then let the standards be published. All API's and middleware should become an open standard, with specific requirements to publish these standards before releasing new products.

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